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TAGS: OEXC, UV
SUBJECT: FY 1975 NOMINEE JOSEPHINE GUISSOU

REF: STATE 117825, OUAGA 1152

1. EMBASSY NOMINATED GUISSOU FOR FUNDING
FROM REGULAR ALLOCATION NOT FALLOUT.

2. NOMINEE FIRST NAME JOSEPHINE NOT JACQUELINE
AS GIVEN IN REFERENCES.

3. AT AGE 26 GUISSOU POSSES RARE
QUALITIES AND EXPERIENCES FOR AFRICAN WOMEN
IN GENERAL AND VOLTAN WOMEN IN PARTICULAR. SHE
IS ONE OF COUNTRY'S VERY FEW WOMEN COLLEGE
GRADUATES AND ONLY WOMAN IN COUNTRY WITH LICENSE
IN HIGH LOCAL PRIORITY FIELD OF DEMOGRAPHY.
(UPPER VOLTA IN 1976 WILL BE CONDUCTING ITS FIRST
CENSUS SINCE 1961).

4. DESPITE SUPERB ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS,
GUISSOU IS NO IVORY TOWER INTELLECTUAL BUT
AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNICATOR HIGHLY SKILLED
IN WRITING FOR AND SPEAKING TO BOTH PROFESSIONAL
AND GENERAL AUDIENCES.

5. GUISSOU HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS PUBLISHED
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ARTICLES ON VARIETY SOCIOLOGICAL SUBJECTS,

INCLUDING WOMEN'S AFFAIRS IN UPPER VOLTA. SHE IS AUTHOR OR CO-AUTHOR OF STUDIES SUCH HIGHLY IMPORTANT SUBJECTS AS WOMEN'S EXTENSION ACTIVITIES, AGRICULTURE MODERNIZATION, DRY SEASON GARDENING, REGIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

6. GUISSOU'S WRITINGS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY SIGNIFICANT SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON THIS COUNTRY'S POLICY AND PLANS PROCESS.

7. GUISSOU'S SELECTION TIMELY ONT ONLY IN CONTEXT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR BUT ALSO AS MEANS SIGNAL AND ENCOURAGE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE OF VOLTAN PRIVATE SECTOR. WE KNOW HER TO BE PERSON WHOSE EXPERIENCE AND NEWLY ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE WILL BE PUT TO EARLY AND EFFICIENT USE.

8. EMBASSY REPEATS EARLIER REQUEST THAT GRANT BE FOR 45 RATHER THAN 30 DAYS IN ORDER THAT EXPERIENCE WILL HAVE AS MUCH DEPTH AS POSSIBLE.GRAHAM

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